

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action dated June 16, 2006, has been noted, and its contents carefully studied. In light of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration of the rejection, entry of the amendments and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

More specifically, the Examiner's withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection and the withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is gratefully acknowledged.

In addition, the allowance of claims 16-20 has been noted. Further, indication of allowable subject matter in the form of claims 9 and 21-22 has also been noted, including the objected to claims. Amendment of the objected to claim has been made in order to place it in condition for allowance.

Finally, the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10-13 has also been noted.

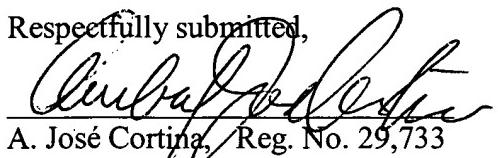
In order to facilitate the Examiner's reconsideration and to obtain allowance of the application, it is noted that independent claims 1 and 11 have now been canceled. With respect to the objection to claim 22, that claim has been canceled and claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 20. In addition to the aforementioned changes, claims 2-4 and 6-10 have been amended to depend either directly or indirectly from claim 19 which is allowed. Similarly, claims 12 and 13 now depend from allowed claim 20. Claim 20 has been amended to correct the punctuation at the end. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is courteously solicited and allowance of the application is believed proper.

Nonetheless, should the Examiner have any additional comments, questions or suggestions of a nature necessary to expedite prosecution of the application or to

place the case in condition for allowance, he is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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